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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT : Intelligence on Cuban Involvement in Angola

1. Action Requested: That a member of the IC Staff be assigned to monitor intelligence collection from all sources on Cuban involvement in Angola and to ensure that the various components of the Intelligence Community are producing the maximum intelligence on this subject.

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2. Background: In view of President Carter's concern at the lack of sufficient hard information on the involvement of Cubans in Angola, I am attaching a brief report concerning an earlier review of intelligence collection which [] Acting NIO for Latin America, addressed to me. It describes steps already taken to improve reporting on this subject.

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3. It seems to me that it is important for someone to be named ad hoc to make sure that intelligence collection strategies are established and implemented by all collection committees and to monitor all-source intelligence collection for three months. I understand that [] of the IC Staff worked with [] on "Special" and is familiar with the problem.

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4. Recommendation: That you ask John McMahon to assign [] or another officer of his choosing to this task.

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Robert R. Bowie

Attachment: (1) Memo to D/DCI/NP dtd 16 Jun 77

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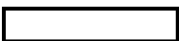
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MEMORANDUM FOR: D/DCI/NI [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Intelligence coverage of Cuban activities in Angola

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1. Last September, Hank Knoche, then Acting DCI, expressed concern about the lack of information on the Cuban military intervention in Angola, as well as coverage of Cuban activities in general. This prompted a special assessment of the performance of the entire intelligence community, which was accomplished under my chairmanship, and addressed to the SIGINT, COMIREX, and Human Resources Committees. Called [REDACTED], the assessment covered a number of subjects including Cuban military intervention in Angola. A copy of this assessment is attached with the sections concerning Cuban intervention in Angola marked in red. The assessment was published on 23 February 1977, and a copy was sent to Admiral Turner who, by then had been appointed DCI.

2. In connection with the assessment, I had a series of conversations with senior officials in Washington who formulate and implement US policy concerning Cuba. Based upon these conversations, I developed a list of intelligence requirements including a substantial number on the Cuban role in Angola and elsewhere in Africa. I formalized these requirements in the Current Intelligence Reporting List (CIRL); established priorities for them in cooperation with the DCID 1/2 Ad Hoc Committee; and issued them to the Intelligence Community through the National Foreign Intelligence Board, in the form of an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum [REDACTED]

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4. Raw intelligence on Cuban involvement in Angola and elsewhere in Africa has increased in volume as new sources have been developed. There has also been a build-up in analytical intelligence on the subject. Since 1 January 1977, there have been 18 items in the Presidential Daily Brief on Angola; 20 articles in the National Intelligence Daily (NID); six items in the Current Intelligence Weekly Report; three major DDI memoranda; and one Interagency Intelligence Memorandum. 25X1

5. As a followup to the [] Assessment, the undersigned monitors and stimulates all-source intelligence collection on Cuba. The NIO for Africa also fulfills this function in Africa. 25X1

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Attachment: As noted in paragraph 1

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